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SUBJECT: RAUTA CASE

1. AT RIBICOFF SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING JULY 12, SENATOR DOLE ASKED ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST IF HE COULD PROVIDE ANY RECENT INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE RAUTA CASE. VEST REPLIED THAT THE CASE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT VARIOUS LEVELS WITH THE GOR, WITH WHICH WE HAVE A PROFOUND DISAGREEMENT AS TO HOW THE MATTER SHOULD BE VIEWED. THE ROMANIAN POSITION IS THAT RAUTA COMMITTED TREASON AND THAT IT IS NOT PREPARED TO "REWARD" HIM BY PERMITTING HIS WIFE AND CHILD TO JOIN HIM IN THE UNITED STATES. THE US POSITION IS THAT PERMITTING MRS. RAUTA AND HER SON TO EMIGRATE SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS A REWARD FOR RAUTA; ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GOR IS PENALIZING THE INNOCENT WIFE AND CHILD FOR THE HUSBAND'S ACTIONS. THE MATTER IS NOT YET RESOLVED BUT IT IS VERY MUCH IN OUR MINDS AND WE ARE WORKING ON IT.

2. DOLE SAID HE AGREED THAT RAUTA'S WIFE AND SON ARE
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BEING UNFAIRLY PUNISHED. HE ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY MOVEMENT IN THE CASE. VEST SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WHEN MOVEMENT WOULD TAKE PLACE, BUT WE ARE CONTIN-
ING TO PRESS. VEST SAID ANOTHER DIFFICULT CASE, THAT OF ADALBERT ROSINGER, HAD RECENTLY BEEN RESOLVED, BUT WE

CANNOT SAY WITH ANY CERTAINTY WHEN THE RAUTA CASE WOULD

BE SOLVED SINCE IT IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT THE INTERNAL
WORKINGS OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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